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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified and enclosed patent application, please amend it as follows:

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**Specification Amendments** begin on page 3 and also are contained in the enclosed Marked-Up Version of the Specification.

**Abstract** begins on page 4.

**Claims Amendments** begin on page 5.

**Remarks** are on page 9.

## STATUS

This patent application is a U.S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/FR2005/000387, having an International Filing Date of February 18, 2005, which claims priority to French Patent Application No. FR 04 01684, having a Filing Date of February 19, 2004, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.